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TEHRAN FOR POATS ONLY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: ENRG UK (ZARB, FRANK)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF FEA ADMINISTRATOR FRANK ZARB TO
LONDON AUGUST 9

1. JIM BUCK OF FEA TELEPHONED ENERGY ATTACHE TO INFORM EMBASSY THAT FEA ADMINISTRATOR FRANK ZARB WOULD MAKE ONE DAY UNPUBLICIZED VISIT TO LONDON FOR PURPOSE OF HOLDING AN "INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH A VACATIONING MIDDLE EAST OIL OFFICIAL."

FEA REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR ZARB TO BRIEF SECSTATE FOR ENERGY BENN OR MINISTER FOR ENERGY MABON PRIOR TO HOLDING THIS MEETING.

2. FEA ADVISED NO PUBLICITY WHATSOEVER IS DESIRED; ANY QUERY BEING ANSWERED THAT INFORMAL MEETING WITH BENN OR MABON WAS TO DISCUSS NORTH SEA IEA MATTERS.

3. FEA ADVISED THAT RUTHERFORD POATS OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S OFFICE HAD CLEARED OFF ON ZARB VISIT FOR STATE DEPARTMENT AND WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM ALONG WITH FEA ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR MALIN AND TWO SECURITY MEN.

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4. EMBASSY HAS ASCERTAINED THAT BENN MAY POSSIBLY BE OUT OF TOWN AND UNABLE TO SEE ZARB; MABON DEFINITELY WILL BE ABSENT.

5. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER DEPARTMENT HAS IN FACT APPROVED ZARB VISIT AND WHETHER BRIEFING OF BENN, MABON OR OTHER DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OR FCO OFFICIALS IN THEIR ABSENCE IS DESIRED.

6. ASSUMING A VISIT TAKES PLACE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO POATS'S HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.

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